

Consumer Product Safety Commission

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present possible substantial hazards, violations of consumer product safety rules, violations of standards relied upon by the Commission, or unreasonable risk of serious injury or death, and the requirement that firms report certain lawsuit information. It reviews consumer complaints, in-depth investigations, and other data to identify those consumer products containing such hazards or which do not comply with existing safety requirements. The Office negotiates and subsequently monitors corrective action plans designed to give public notice of hazards and recall defective or non-complying products subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, gives public warning to consumers where appropriate, and provides guidelines and directs the field in negotiating and monitoring corrective action plans designed to recall products which fail to comply with specific regulations. It gathers information on generic product hazards which may lead to subsequent initiation of safety standard setting procedures. The Office develops surveillance strategies and programs designed to assure compliance with Commission standards and regulations. It originates instructions to field offices and provides subsequent interpretations or guidance for field surveillance and enforcement activities.

[56 FR 30496, July 3, 1991, as amended at 60 FR 26825, May 19, 1995]

§ 1000.25 Office of Human Resources Management.

The Office of Human Resources Management, which is managed by the Director of the Office, provides human resources management support to the Commission in the areas of recruitment and placement, position classification, training and executive development, employee and labor relations, employee benefits and retirement assistance, employee assistance programs, drug testing, leave administration, disciplinary and adverse actions, grievances and appeals, and performance management.

[59 FR 66673, Dec. 28, 1994]

§ 1000.26 Office of Information Services.

The Office of Information Services, which is managed by the Assistant Executive Director for Information Services, is responsible for general policy, controlling and conducting managerial activities and operations relating to the collection, use, and dissemination of information by the agency. The Office manages the Commission's information system that supports all its program activities. The Office provides automated data processing and operational support for data collection, information retrieval, report generation, electronic mail, and statistical and mathematical operations of the agency. The Office maintains the agency's local and wide area networks and develops and supports other network applications. The Office develops plans for improving agency operations through the use of information technology. The Office's functional responsibilities include planning, organizing, and directing information resources management (including records management and related requirements), and the managing of the agency's management directives system. The Office administers the Commission's telecommunications services including the agency's toll-free Hotline by which the public reports hazardous consumer products and receives information about product recalls and product hazards. It also oversees operation of the Commission's Internet and fax-on-demand services. It administers the National Injury Information Clearinghouse.

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§ 1000.27 Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences.

The Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences, which is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Epidemiology and Health Sciences, is responsible for injury analysis to identify and document information on consumer-product related hazards or hazard patterns, and for developing and implementing health science policies and programs. The Directorate collects data on consumer product-related hazards and potential hazards, determines

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the frequency, severity, and distribution of the various types of injuries, and investigates their causes. It collects health science, exposure, and medical data; reviews and evaluates toxicological, physiological, medical and chemical-related hazards; and determines exposure, uptake and metabolism, including information on population segments at risk. It assesses the effects of product safety standards and programs on consumer injuries and conducts epidemiological and health studies and research in the field of consumer product-related injuries. The Directorate performs risk assessments for chemical, physiological and physical hazards based on methods such as medical injury modeling and on injury and incident data for mechanical, thermal, chemical and electrical hazards in consumer products. The Directorate provides statistical support for other Commission organizations including, but not limited to, standards development, certification programs, and sampling for field inspection programs. It maintains and manages the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). It provides the Commission's primary source of technical expertise for implementation of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The Directorate assists in the development and evaluation of product safety standards and test methods based on the chemical, biological and medical, statistical and epidemiological sciences. It provides support to the Commission's regulatory development and enforcement activities. It manages hazard identification and analysis and hazard assessment and reduction projects as assigned. The Directorate provides liaison with the National Toxicology Program, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control, other federal agencies and programs, and other organizations concerned with reducing the risk to consumers from exposure to all the hazards the Commission must address. The Directorate is responsible for managing and safeguarding confidential business information received from the Environmental Protection

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Agency in accordance with the requirements of that agency.

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§ 1000.28 Directorate for Economic Analysis.

The Directorate for Economic Analysis, which is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Economic Analysis, is responsible for providing the Commission with advice and information on economic and environmental matters and on the economic, social and environmental effects of Commission actions. It analyzes the potential effects of CPSC actions on consumers and on industries, including effects on competitive structure and commercial practices. The Directorate acquires, compiles, and maintains economic data on movements and trends in the general economy and on the production, distribution, and sales of consumer products and their components to assist in the analysis of CPSC priorities, policies, actions, and rules. It plans and carries out economic surveys of consumers and industries. It studies the costs of accidents and injuries. It evaluates the economic, societal, and environmental impact of product safety rules and standards. It performs regulatory analyses and studies of costs and benefits of CPSC actions as required by the Consumer Product Safety Act, The National Environmental Policy Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act and other Acts, and by policies established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Directorate manages hazard assessment and reduction projects as assigned.

[56 FR 30496, July 3, 1991. Redesignated at 59 FR 66673, Dec. 28, 1994]

§ 1000.29 Directorate for Engineering Sciences.

The Directorate for Engineering Sciences, which is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Engineering Sciences, is responsible for developing technical policy for and implementing the Commission's engineering programs. The Directorate manages hazard assessment and reduction projects as assigned by the Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction; provides engineering technical support